



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:)
Minoru Hirata et al.) Group Art Unit: 1793
Application No.: 10/591,166) Examiner: Kuang Y. Lin
Filed:	August 30, 2006))
For:	Method and Apparatus for Molding an Upper and a Lower Mold Having no Flask	Confirmation No.: 6049

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2009, the period for response having been extended to July 26, 2009 (a Sunday) by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a new Abstract and Terminal Disclaimer.

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